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**FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTMENT CHARGES SIX MEXICAN NATIONALS
IN BREWSTER COUNTY CARJACKING**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that in Pecos, Texas, a federal grand jury returned a five-count indictment charging six Mexican Nationals in connection with a recent carjacking incident in Brewster County.

The indictment charges 27-year-old Cipriano Flores-Morales, 23-year-old Ricardo Morales- Herrera, 24-year-old Manuel Antonio Torres-Hernandez, and 23-year-old Jose Alejandro Delgado-Ruiz, all of Ciudad Muzquiz, Coahila; as well as 22-year-old Sergio Garza-Martinez and 21-year-old Santos Baldemar Marines-Galvan, both of Melchor Muzquiz, Coahila, with one count each of conspiracy to commit carjacking, carjacking, conspiracy to possess a firearm during a crime of violence and possession of a firearm during a crime of violence. Cipriano Flores-Morales is also charged with transportation of illegal aliens endangering human life. The indictment alleges that between January 15-16, 2004, the defendants conspired to commit carjacking. To carry out the offense, the defendants committed the following overt acts: 1) they broke in to a Brewster County residence; 2) armed themselves with firearms and knives; 3) assaulted the residents upon their arrival at the residence and held them at gun point and knife point; 4) slashed the tires on vehicles at the residence; and 5) stole a 1984 Ford Crown Victoria.

Authorities arrested the defendants during a four-day manhunt. They are being detained without bond pending trial. No trial date has been scheduled.

Upon conviction of all charges, Flores-Morales faces between seven and 60 years in federal prison; the remaining defendants, between seven and 40 years in federal prison. This case is being investigated by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement together with the Brewster County Sheriff's Office. This case is being prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorney Gary Tromblay.

An indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence. The defendants are presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

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